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Examiner
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to Board Decision of January 5, 1999

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Jun 20, 1994, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claim 1, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a method for converting a two-to-one anamorphic film image into a video output signal having multiple video output lines, comprising the steps of scanning the film image in a progressive scan, each scan comprising a scan line, storing the scan lines in memory, and forming a video output, wherein the scanning step uses the nonanamorphic spacing between scan lines and the forming step forms each one of the video output lines according to the recited steps.

Regarding Claim 9, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a method for scanning film comprising the steps of scanning the film in m -scan lines of a progressive raster scan and generating a video output consisting of n active scan lines, wherein

m is at least twice n , and wherein the generating step is performed according to the recited steps.

Regarding Claim 15, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a system for forming a video output signal from anamorphic film comprising a raster scan generator system for scanning film; a frame store having an input for receiving a digital image signal, an output for outputting multiple digital video signals, and an input for receiving an address; an address generator for selecting nonadjacent scans, wherein

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the film is scanned at a non-anamorphic rate or greater and wherein there is also a means for weighting the output from the frame store and a summing means for combining the output of the weighting means, the output of the summing means forming the video output signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy Christensen whose telephone number is (703) 308-9644.

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March 27, 2001


ANDREW CHRISTENSEN
PATENT EXAMINER